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1. KEOGH HAS RESPONDED TO YOUR MESSAGE ON EXPO '75 AS SET FORTH BELOW. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP ON ACTIONS PROPOSED BY KEOGH.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF KEOGH REPLY AS GIVEN US BY USIA:

QUOTE THE RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE RATE OF THE DOLLAR, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE JAPANESE YEN, HAS GIVEN THE USIA SOME FLEXIBILITY IN PROGRAMMING ITS REGULAR SALARY AND EXPENSES ACCOUNT. ACCORDINGLY, THE DIRECTOR HAS AGREED TO ADVANCE THE OKINAWA EXPO PROJECT ANOTHER 370,000 DOLLARS PROVIDING THAT WE REACH AGREEMENT AND EFFECT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

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QUOTE 1. THE USIA RECEIVES OMB PERMISSION TO USE ITS SALARY AND EXPENSES ACCOUNT RATHER THAN THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS (SIE) ACCOUNT TO COVER THE ADDED 370,000 DOLLARS NEEDED IN FY 1974.

QUOTE 2. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTS THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, SECURES TACIT APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN OCEAN EXPO '75 AND ADVISES THE COMMITTEES OF THE INTERIM FUNDING PLAN. USIA FEELS STRONGLY THAT THIS ACTION IS MOST IMPORTANT TO USIA'S CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS REGARDLESS OF LEGAL INTERPRETATIONS ABOUT EXISTING SIE LEGISLATION AND AUTHORITIES.

QUOTE 3. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACCEPTS THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN'S INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OCEAN EXPO '75. THE ACCEPTANCE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE MADE CONDITIONAL ON CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION.

QUOTE 4. THE USIA EXPLAINS THE NECESSITY FOR INTERIM FUNDING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES AND SECURES TACIT APPROVAL TO PROCEED ON OVERALL EXPO PARTICIPATION AS WELL AS TO EFFECT THE EMERGENCY FUNDING PROPOSAL.

QUOTE 5. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAKES THE PRINCIPAL ROLE IN LATER HEARINGS ON EXPO '75 BEFORE THE AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES AND IN ENGENDERING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT BEFORE AND AFTER THE HEARINGS.

QUOTE THE USIA SUGGESTS AND URGES THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED STEPS BE TAKEN AT ONCE. WE AWAIT YOUR RESPONSE BEFORE PROCEEDING. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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